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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 4, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: